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LETTER DATED 21 AUGUST 1991 FROM THE PERMAMENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NETHERLANDS TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit the text, in English and French, of a Declaration of the European Community and its member States on Yugoslavia, issued in The Hague on 20 August 1991 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter, and its annex, circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

[Original: English/French]

Declaration of the European Community and its member States on Yugoslavia issued at The Hague on 20 August 1991

On the basis of a review of the situation in Yugoslavia in the light of the presidency's emissary's reports, the Community and its member States express their grave concern at the frequent infringements of the cease-fire, resulting again in the serious loss of human lives.

They welcome the readiness of all the parties concerned to start negotiations about the future of Yugoslavia and they urge all parties to conduct these negotiations in good faith. Such negotiations should be based on the principles that any change of internal and international borders by force is not acceptable and that any solution should guarantee the rights of peoples and minorities in all the republics. In particular, they appeal to the parties concerned to do everything within their power to ensure that the negotiating process will not be marred by further violence.

The Community and its member States will continue to keep the situation in Yugoslavia under close review and stand ready to facilitate and assist the negotiating process and to provide for international monitoring of the cease-fire if the parties so desire.